THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.26197 of 2005

Dated 08-12-2005

Between:

T.Ravinder.

.. **PETITIONER**

AND

A.P.Northern Power Distribution Company Limited and another.

.. **RESPONDENTS**

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ORDER:

The petitioner is employed as an Additional Assistant Engineer in the 1st respondent company. The 2nd respondent placed him under suspension through his order dated 09-11-2005 pending enquiry into certain allegations. The petitioner states that he is not responsible for the misutilisation of public funds mentioned in the order of suspension. He states that immediately on receiving the order of suspension, he made a representation dated 15-11-2005 narrating the relevant facts and despite the same, he is being continued under suspension. He alleges that no subsistence allowance is being paid.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents.

The 2nd respondent placed the petitioner under suspension pending enquiry into certain allegations. The petitioner is yet to be issued charge-sheet. It is too early for this court to form an opinion as to whether the petitioner is guilty of any misconduct. As of now, it cannot be said that the impugned order is without any basis. The suspension of the petitioner cannot be continued indefinitely. The enquiry against him can be directed to be expedited.

Hence, the writ petition is disposed of directing the 2nd respondent to conclude the disciplinary proceedings initiated against the petitioner within a period of three

months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The respondents shall pay subsistence allowance to the petitioner in accordance with the relevant Rules. In case, the enquiry is not concluded within three months, the respondents shall review the situation and decide as to whether the suspension against the petitioner must be continued at all. In case, nothing serious is found against the petitioner, he shall consider the feasibility of reinstating him into service. No order as to costs.

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08-12-2005

Note:

Issue C.C. in three days

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